

Worried.

There is not much doubt but that the election of W. H. Dalton as Assessor of the county of Alameda is causing the Southern Pacific Railroad a great deal of anxiety. Mr. Dalton did not fail to let the public know before the election that he thought the property of the Railroad Company had been assessed too low. To quite an extent the stand he took in this matter aided him in his election. Now the time is fast approaching when the yearly assessment has to be made. Of late it is stated that the Railroad Company have been taking considerable property out of Alameda county which has been kept in the West Berkeley yards heretofore all the year around. This may be so or not. There appears to have been an extra demand elsewhere for rails and ties this year. The weather, however, has been rougher this winter than for several years previous and may account for the large demand of repairing material.

Anyway there seems to be a fare on the part of the Company as aforesaid that something in the shape of taxes will drop heavily upon them ere long and it is their intention to be as well fortified as possible. Mr. Dalton no doubt understands his business well and will attend to it in a straightforward matter. We do not believe that he has the first ideas of doing anything in the way of assessing property but what is just and proper between man and man. He will see that the rich and poor are treated alike or we very much misjudge the man.

At the annual meeting of the Associated Press held in Chicago yesterday the following were elected Directors for the ensuing year: Victor F. Lawson, Chicago "Record" and "Daily News"; Chas. W. Knapp, St. Louis "Republic" and M. H. de Young, S. F. "Chronicle." The Association is divided into four divisions. In the western division the following names occur; C. G. Cooper, Western "Republican"; James G. Hoge, Jr. Seattle "Post Intelligencer"; Hugh Hume, S. F. "Post"; W. H. Mills, Sacramento "Record Union"; H. W. Scott, Portland, "Oregonian."

If reports can be relied upon Lady Churchill is looking much better since her husband died than she did before. Lord Randolph Churchill was somewhat erratic in his movements. England and France is getting pretty thickly settled with American girls whose titles prevent their best friends from recognizing them. The market for the purchase of American girls with foreign titles is a large one and there seems to be a considerable competition as to who shall be sold into this kind of bondage.

George Nottingham and E. Jones who have had a preliminary examination at Walnut creek for the robbery of the Walnut Creek Station Agent, were held to answer under \$3000, bail.

Secure the Terminus and We are Sure of the Car Shops.

EDITOR GAZETTE: The San Francisco and San Joaquin valley railroad is the main topic of conversation at present.

The impression seems to prevail that we can do nothing in the matter as we are handicapped by the greater wealth and population of Oakland as a factor against us so far as a terminal point is concerned. Now though we admit we cannot compete with Oakland in those respects I can see no good reason why we should stand still and do nothing.

No place on the east side of the bay is better fitted by nature for the terminal of this road and a direct ferry line to San Francisco than the water front of Berkeley.

We have a water front of about two miles from which to select, any point of which is desirable for a ferry landing, no portion of which is in litigation as is the water front of Oakland.

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The gentlemen at the head of this great enterprise are business men. They probably do not look so much at the present condition of things, as to the possibilities of the future.

What is to hinder Berkeley (if we get this ferry) in a few years equaling in wealth and population the city of Oakland. The benefits to be derived are self evident.

Let every citizen of the whole town stand shoulder to shoulder in this matter and at all times work for the best interests and in behalf of Berkeley, by so doing we may hope to see our wishes realized.

No division, no compromise, but Berkeley first, last and forever.

WEST END.

Indians.

Houses packed nightly to see and hear the comicalities of the funny character comedians who perform at the Indian Wigwam show at Sistrina Hall. Come early to avoid the rush and procure a good seat. There is an entire change of program each night.

Rev. Charles W. Wendte publishes a very caustic letter in the Oakland Enquirer against the Boys' Brigade. He thinks that the boys of the coming generation should be taught the art of peace rather than warfare. He says, "This military craze is only a passing phase of the current sensationalism which reigns in our church life."

The "Independence's" Anchor.

In today's issue of the Call there appears a representation of the best bower anchor of the U. S. raze frigate Independence now lying at Mare Island Navy Yard and used as a receiving ship. This vessel went to Mare Island years ago under the command of Captain Tattal, when Commodore Mervin was in command of the Pacific fleet and was used in testing the sectional dock at that place when it was completed by the contractors Dakin, Moody, Gilbert & Lecor.

If the Independence is of the best bower anchor, as represented, it fell from the catheads of the Independence while she was on the dock after it had been pumped out and the vessel was entirely out of water. It fortunately struck on the upright timbers in the caisson and only broke a few castings. If it had struck a foot either side from where it did there is no doubt but it would have gone clear through the caisson and what damage might have occurred could only be estimated. The accident was caused by the carelessness of the sailors.

In the account of the ship the Call seems to be a great ways off from the facts as far as to the ship's lying off Third street.

An Odd Transaction.

John N. McGee, a police officer residing in San Francisco, had Chas. H. Street arrested yesterday for embezzlement. He accuses Street of misappropriating \$610. It appears that there were some timber land transactions several years ago between Street and several other persons, which amounted to a speculation. The venture failed and Street was held accountable. He was arrested and the case was dismissed. The present arrest appears to be based upon a statement of facts similar to the first case. Mr. Street says that he has settled nearly all of the old claims against him and would have done so in the present case if he had been given sufficient time.

A Bad Break.

A serious cave has occurred on the coast division of the Southern Pacific road. Tons of material have caved in the new tunnel between Santa Marguerita and San Luis Obispo and the road is effectually blockaded. It was hard to tell from the latest advices just how much damage has been done. It was discovered early yesterday morning by the watchman on guard and reported in time to prevent a serious accident to the train bound for San Francisco. It may take a long time to repair the damage.

The largest flood of the season has washed out the Southern Pacific Railroad track near Caliente and caused a blockade. Fireman Chester of train 19 was injured by the overturning of an engine which ran into the washout. All trains in that section are reported at a standstill.

The Court Was Innocent.

Two residents of Pringwells had a difficulty over a game of cards the other day, and the result was the arrest of one for assault and battery. When the case was called the complainant took the stand to explain how it happened.

"You see, judge," he began, "we were three points up."

"What's a point?" blandly inquired the court.

"Why, we were playing five point euchre. We each had three. A point counts one, your honor."

"Ah!"

"He dealt, and it was my lead."

"Deal—lead? Please explain."

Why, he shuffled the cards and dealt the hand, and it was my first play."

"Well, go on. Perhaps I can understand."

"I led the ace of diamonds and he trumped it with a club. That is he refused suit."

"Do you mean he refused to be sued?"

"No, sir. I'd like to explain this thing to you, because it was about the suit we had our fuss."

"I see—go on. You said you put a diamond down on the table. Did he grab it?"

"He trumped it with a club."

"Ah! Did you see him carrying this club around before you sat down to play?"

"Your honor, I'd like to take a pack of cards and explain to you."

"No use—no use. I've heard some of the aldermen speak about the right and left bowers, and I've heard of jacks, kings and aces, but it would be lost time to try and show me. You don't seem to have any case."

"But that's because you don't understand me. When I charged him with refusing suit he struck me in the mouth."

"Did, eh! Well, there isn't any case to speak of. The prisoner is discharged, and you'd better whack up on the costs."

"And to think!" groaned the counsel for the plaintiff, as he reached the sidewalk, "that only the evening before this same innocent old J. P. beat me out of seven glasses of beer at that very game of euchre, and I'll take my solemn affidavit that he stocked the cards on me at least every other hand."

Overland Rates Higher.

Commencing yesterday continuous trip tickets from San Francisco to Chicago will be sold for \$62.50, a raise of \$5.50, in accordance with a decision reached by the Western Trunk line. The advance on the round trip tickets will be \$10. The rate to St. Louis will be \$57.50. Round trip tickets to Chicago \$110.

Governor Budd is ill with a painful attack of rheumatism.

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Uncle Remus and the Silver Dollar.

"What's dis 'bout dat silver bizness?" asked Uncle Remus. "I hear Miss Sally reading 'bout it, and axed her, she says dat I must ax Mus John, and den I axed Mas John, and Mas John say I mus go to der dese yer noosepaper men what kick up all de devilment. I b'leeve dat wuz de langwidge he used."

"Oh, that's all settled, Uncle Remus. Everything is fixed."

"Who helt de biggest han' in de game?"

"The silver men. They didn't carry all their points, but they are tolerably well satisfied."

"What's de upshot er de farcus, den?"

"Why, we are to have the old fashioned dollar, the old silver that suited so well."

"I notis dat I ain't got mine yit."

"Oh, it is too soon yet. They will be put in circulation just as fast as the mint can make them."

"Whar 'bouts in de 'sembly you 'speck I'm settin' boss? How fur back fum de man what rashums out de scads duz you reckon I iz?"

"Oh, the silver dollar will be circulated just like other money. You get it if you earn it."

"Hav' fer to scramble arter it same as befo'?"

"Yes."

"Well, den in regard ter dat silver bill, I'd a ben whar de little boy wuz when he make a moufe at de cow."

"Where was that, Uncle Remus?"

"On de top rail er de fence."

To Be or Not To Be.

A good wife should be like three things, which three things she should not be like.

She should be like a town clock, keep time and regularity.

She should not be like a town clock, speak so loud that all the town may hear her.

She should be like an echo, speak when she is spoken to.

She should not be like an echo, always have the last word.

She should be like a snail, keep within her own house.

She should not be like a snail, carry all she has on her back.

Eight of Oakland's Councilmen were before the Police Judge of that city yesterday to answer to the charge of maintaining a nuisance at the dumps on the marsh. The plea entered was not guilty. Col. John Irish preferred the charges.

Judge Frick has denied the application of F. K. Statelar to have the election of John Chetwood set aside as assignee of Captain R. P. Thomas.

The Foresters will have a quiet little party of their own in Taylor's hall this evening. Court Ocean View No. 7555 will have charge of it.

A Merchant's Exchange has been organized in Oakland and is now ready for business. This is progressive and should be commanded.

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OUR NEW CHARTER.

As the days pass by and we come nearer to the one allotted for depositing a ballot either for or against the new charter, a great deal of the feeling that was manifest in the outset against this new form of government appears to be subsiding and as the people talk the matter over and study the Charter, as prepared by the Freeholder, they find it is not so bad as has been painted by those who were evidently against it before it was prepared. The fact of having a new charter at all was like a red flag to the eyes of a bull if we may judge of some people's actions and talk.

What good is the opinion of a man who will condemn anything before he knows what he is talking about. The chances are that nine-tenths of the small number opposing the new charter have not read the document all through. These kind of people believe that no good can come out of Nazareth. They are silurians of the most pronounced type and it is a hundred to one wager that they will kick about the government of Tophat when they have to go there for a permanent residence. A man may be honest in his opinion of difference with others on any subject and that opinion should be respected. On this proposition every man should be entitled to his own way of thinging but don't put false light before his eyes to lead him astray. We have heard of a case where one man condemned eleven others because they did not have the same opinion as he did.

There are eleven good reasons why the new charter should be adopted when there is one against it. Read the document through, in a manner which will make you understand all its bearings, and then see if you can decide that it is not the best form of government for the future advancement of Berkeley.

WOMAN'S SUFFRAGE BILL.

Yesterday the ladies, who have been in attendance upon the Legislature for some days past looking after the bill which if it became a law would give women the right to vote, were terribly shocked when the Judiciary Committee of the Senate reported that the bill was unconstitutional. A cyclone was not looked for in that direction and it struck a very effective blow for the time being. However, it is much better to know this fact now than to have had the law enacted and when the time came to vote have it decided as has already been done. The workers in this cause will now have to go to work and have a constitutional amendment passed by the Legislature and let the matter go before the people for an endorsement. It is quite

probable that the amendment would pass through the Legislature quite easily as it was almost sure that the measure had a sufficient number of supporters to carry it through both houses. Those opposed to the measure would be glad to get rid of the opposition by throwing the onus of the bill upon the public. From the decision given this manner of procedure is the only one open to the female suffragists and the quicker this ball is set in motion the better it will be for all parties concerned.

COUNTY OFFICES.

As far as Alameda county is concerned the county government committee has been supplied by it with considerable information in relation to the salaries of its officers. Yesterday Superintendent Garlick, Sheriff White, Treasurer Sanford, Attorney Snook, Assessor Dalton, Recorder Spear and Justice of the Peace Lawrence appeared before the Alameda county delegation in Sacramento and gave evidence as to the receipts and expenditures of the different offices. Judging from what little testimony there is given in the public prints it seems hardly worth the while to make much of a fight for any of the offices, on account of the pecuniary consideration attached to them. Of course the honor is great, and hence the great fight for the position. Of course in these days of Retrenchment and Reform it is quite natural that the members of Legislature should see that all of the State and county offices are run as cheaply as possible. The only trouble with the present Legislature is that they save at the spigot and lose at the bung hole.

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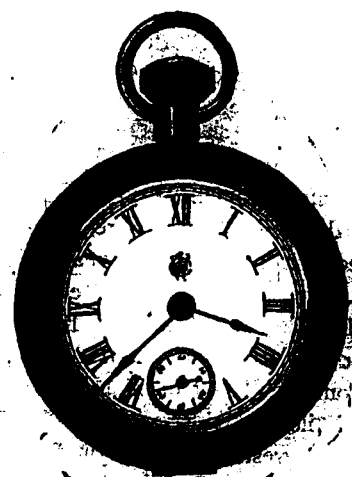
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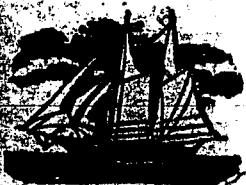
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Madame Kohne, midwife and ladies' nurse, has removed from 1912 Fifth street, to Eighth street, between University avenue and Addison street.

A reward of \$2.00 will be paid for the return of a clock sign taken from in front of R. H. Curry's Jewellery store on Center street. No questions asked. feb. 14/13

The annual Demorest Medal contest will take place tomorrow (Friday) evening under the auspices of the Alameda County Women's Christian Temperance Union in St. Joseph's Hall. Every year the interest in these contests appear to be on the increase and crowds attend.

The funeral of the late W. W. Stow took place this morning at the family residence, 1013 Pine street, in San Francisco. Bishop Nichols assisted by Rev. E. J. Leon, read the services. The interment will be in the family plot at Mountain View Cemetery, Oakland.

Mrs. Lucia H. Addition of Portland, Oregon, speaks tonight in the First Congregational Church on Dana street. Her subject will be "Relation of Temperance to Capital and Labor."

The East Berkeley telephone office is soon to be removed to Hahn Block and located upstairs. This will not be very convenient for the public.

Accident.

This morning as the local train, due at East Berkeley at 10:45 was coming into the station, the horse attached to a buggy, belonging to J. J. Gardner, standing in front of the Electric Light Company's office on Center street, became frightened and made an effort to get loose. A small boy who was in the buggy jumped out without getting hurt. The animal succeeded in breaking his hitching strap and started down the avenue and finally ran to the Electric Company's works. He was eventually stopped by Officer Calhoun. One of the buggy shafts was broken and some other damage done of a smaller nature.

Disturbing the Peace.

When the case of Bailey was called upon the charge of malicious mischief in Judge Lord's court yesterday. The Court arrived at a conclusion that the case should be dismissed and it was so ordered. At the same time he arrived at another conclusion and that was one which resulted in the arrest of Bailey upon the charge of disturbing the peace. Enough evidence has been accumulated against those engaged in the business of smashing car windows and so forth, it is thought, to make the quarters quite close for those who have to undergo the ordeal of a trial.

At the University.

The athletic committee of the University have chosen Walter Magee instructor in physical culture, Walter Henry, '93, and Oscar Taylor, '94, the advisory committee on football. The committee will act as councillors to Football Manager Lang next season.

President Jones of the senior class, has appointed the following committee to take charge of the class day exercise at the University in May: Misses Redington, Feusier, Henderson and McLean, and Messrs. Gorrill, Anthony, Houston, Laughlin, Parcells and Stringham.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

Joseph and Helen Goyatte to A. F. Rouse, lot 10, subdivision of range 11, Hardy tract.

Abner F. and Mable A. Rouse to Charles A. Bailey, same as above.

George T. and Adelia S. Hawley to L. E. Hatch, lot on N. W. corner of Woolsey and Deakin streets, 45 by 125.

Sophie E. and E. P. Duplex to Laurence Sands, lot 45, map of plat 5, and a portion of plat 6, Dohr tract.

A man named Howard pulled a "gun" on A. C. Gilbertson on Shattuck avenue and Dwight way, near the blacksmith shop. Luckily no shots were fired, and we suppose the affair will be ventilated in court.

Hans P. Nelson, 28 years of age, and Laura B. Boyd, 20 years, both of Berkeley, have taken out a license to be married.

H. H. Dobbins was found guilty in Judge Shaw's Court for peddling without a license and fined \$15.

James Taylor and Chas. Sweeney were arrested in Berkeley for vagrancy.

E. Beardslee was arrested by the deputy constable for peddling without a license.

Early English—baby talk.

Chinese hens lay China eggs.

The Vassar girls talk of getting up a rowing club. The Varsary eight would prove an attractive feature of a college boat race.

Husking matches will soon be in order, and there is already a demand for red chalk, so that every man may be ready with his red ear.

In Germany they like "Evangeline." A German comic opera is a very serious thing; something not to be laughed at or made fun of either.

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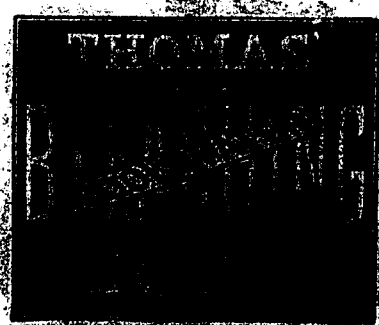
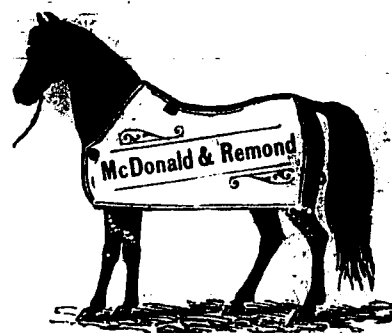
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